

Grace United Church July 2, 2021

GOOD NEWS AT GRACE

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Blessings,

It was wonderful to be able to gather in person outside last Sunday – you can see the funny photo later in this newsletter. It was starting to feel like we have always been in a pandemic. We're well into the second year of COVID-19, and we're used to things like wearing masks, curbside grocery pickup, and of course, online worship services.

But for us here in Canada, hope is on the horizon. I've had my first vaccination and I expect to get my second one next week. Some of you have already been double dosed. If things go well, our community of faith hopes to be worshipping inside on September 19th – and we will be able to celebrate Christmas in person!

As I'm sure you know, though, things are not going so well in many other parts of the world. While 75% of Canadians have had at least their first vaccine, only 1% of people in poorer countries (with a much higher population) have even had one vaccine. Experts in the UN are predicting that **the pandemic may continue in some places until 2024**, putting a huge strain on the need for global assistance. As the more transmissible Delta variant becomes the primary global strain of the virus, the number of people in need of assistance of all kinds will almost certainly increase. Our partners through Missions and Service are going to continue to need our help.

The United Church is **asking for your help**.

For the cost of just \$25, you can make a special on-line donation to United Church Gifts With Vision to support the worldwide effort to protect people from Covid-19, one vaccine at a time.

Your Gift will give one person access to the COVID-19 vaccine in a country where vaccines are in short supply.

To participate in this special request, just click on the link below. When you make your donation, remember to ask them to credit Grace United Tavistock, so your donation will be added to our church's Mission & Service total.

I invite you to share God's love by giving generously, **because this isn't going to be all over until it's over for all.**

Gift of a COVID vaccine shot through Gifts with Vision

And, I invite you to prayer this prayer with me:

Loving and caring God, we have done everything we've been told:

Worn masks, stayed home, gotten our shots—isn't it about time all this is over?

Let us remember always that no, it's not over;

It's not over for people in so many places we never think about:

People whose lives were already a struggle now overflowing with illness and loss and grief,

And often with no masks, no shots, no way to stay safe at home.

Remind us, God of the whole world, that the whole world is our family.

That this won't be all over until it is over for all.

And let us do all we can to give our whole-world family what we take for granted:

Hope for a future. Amen

Peace, Rev. Gail

Upcoming Services and Dates:

ALL SERVICES CAN BE VIEWED ON GRACE YOUTUBE CHANNEL, WHICH CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH OUR WEBSITE:

www.graceunitedtavistock.com

July 4th: Telling the Story of Jonah (recorded)

July 11th: 10:30 am in person worship behind the church: Water, Water, Water - Baptism and New Membership

July 18th: 10:30 am in person outside worship behind the church

July 25th: Indigenous Sunday (recorded)

July 28th: 2:00-4:00 pm Food for Friends Community Pick up

Aug. 1st: Telling the Story of Deborah (recorded)

Aug. 8th: Ecumenical Service (Pre recorded)

Aug. 15th: 10:30 am in person worship behind the church

Aug. 22nd: Join with East Zorra Mennonite Church

Aug. 29th: 10:30 am in person worship - location to be decided

Sept. 5th: Summer Stories (recorded)



Thanks to all who donated to the Camp Bimini drive thru on June 17! Amazing things were donated! If you wish to still give, please connect with Carol Young tavigraceyouth@gmail.com. If you wish to give a financial donation to the camp to help them with their challenging year, please consider sponsoring Carol Young, Ellie Shantz or Jayden Ruby in the 5 km Walk, Ride or Run for Camp Bimini.

Please consider how you can give back to Camp Bimini...prayers, notes and emails mean a lot in addition!

Contact us

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Office Hours

Rev. Gail Tues to Thurs 10:00–3:00 pm

Katherine Tues. and Thurs. 9:30 – 12:30 pm

Do you have a prayer request?

“In all things let your requests be known to God in prayer.” (Philippians 4:6)

Grace has a group of wonderful and dedicated people that form a prayer chain. If you, or anyone you know is in need of prayer, please reach out to our Minister, Rev. Gail, or to the chair of Grace PCO, Bev Neeb, and we will begin praying for you.



And please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

- ◇ Burns Holden as he struggles with health issues.
- ◇ Verna Herold as she was admitted to hospital this week.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP Sunday, July 11th

Sunday, July 11th, 10:30 am, we will be having a LIVE outdoor worship behind the church, beside the parking lot. It is exciting to be able to gather, but we must follow the restrictions to stay safe:

- Please bring your own chair and place it by the flags as indicated by the ushers.
- You must stay in your own bubble. (There is no restriction on numbers able to attend, but there is a restriction in distance between groups.)
- We advise you to wear a mask if you are comfortable.
- Singing will be permitted in masks.
- There will be no passing of the peace.
- The offering plate will not be passed around – we invite you to place your offering in the plate at the front when you arrive.
- There will be no social time after worship.
- The washrooms are only available for emergency use.

In the event of rain – the live worship will be cancelled, and it will be recorded instead and posted to the website in the afternoon. You will be sent an email early in the morning if this should happen.

We know that not everyone will be comfortable attending, so we WILL be recording this worship service and posting it on our website by 7pm on Sunday.

Good News at Grace Submissions We welcome your good news stories and pictures along with announcements. Please take note of the summer newsletter schedule and plan any announcements accordingly.

Summer newsletters will be sent out on the following dates:

July 16th (submissions due July 13)
July 30th (submissions due July 27)
Aug 13th (submissions due Aug. 10)
Aug 27th (submissions due Aug. 24)
Sept 10th (submissions due Sept 7)

Care and Communication Team

If you, or anyone you know, has a pastoral need, would like someone to visit, or would like to chat on the phone, please reach out to any member of our Care and Communication team:

Rev. Gail – 519 703 1954

Jean Lowe – 519 655 3205

Paul Bartlett – 519 655 3334

Marcia Bender – 519 655 2047

Gloria Reibling – 519 655 3255

Marianne Ruby – 519 655 3053

Elizabeth Halliday – 519 655 2246



As Dale Ruby said, “*they say that fist impressions are everything!*” – and I hope, that as we gathered in person for the first time since March 2020, that you can see that your new minister likes to laugh!

Rev. Gail enjoyed meeting so many of you in person.

I hope that you will come out again in person for **our next outside service on July 11th**, when we baptize Dorothy Weicker and welcome new members.

Camp Bimini 5km Walk, Ride or Run August 14-15, 2021.



Camp Bimini has been in operation since 1947--74 years!--and has welcomed children, youth and adults to come to gather to be a community and to experience nature, grow spiritually and create lifelong friendships. Camp Bimini, like every camp, has been greatly affected by COVID-19 and are facing another year with many financial challenges. This fundraiser will help Camp Bimini move forward to 2022 with hope.

Ellie Shantz (ellieshantz72@gmail.com), Jayden Ruby (jdruby66@gmail.com) and Carol Young (tavigraceyouth@gmail.com) are participating! If you'd like to sponsor one or all of these people,

please let them know! Help them reach their fundraising goals (last year these 3 raised over \$7000 combined)!

We would love to receive your support for a place and a space that means the world to so many and is a second home for us and so many others. Our stories are life-changing. We can arrange an e-transfer or you can send a cheque as well. Income tax receipts given....Thank you!

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Dorothy Lowe - July 1
Hailey Lupton - July 3
Megan Friesen - July 3
Michelle Herlick - July 3
Rev. Mary Boland - July 5
Chase Brown - July 7
Tracy Charlton - July 7
Adam Stock - July 10
Ashlie Weicker - July 11
Ryan Weitzel - July 12
Neely Lange - July 13
Victoria Herlick - July 15
Tyler Bartlett - July 16
Brenda Mohr - July 16
Dorothy Kennedy - July 17
Dylan McCann - July 21
Marleen Wiffen - July 21
Ella McCann - July 22
Hayden McCann - July 27
Dianne Herold - July 28
Carol Young - July 29

Grayson Fuhr - July 31
Declan McBride - July 31
Owen Shantz - July 31



Happy Anniversary to:

Len and Suanne Wettlaufer - July 2
Ryan and Marcia De Gouw - July 4
Shane and Amanda Francois - July 18
Ron and Donna Rudy - July 20
Mike and Beth Kaufman - July 26





Grass Tax

LIVE OUTDOOR CONCERT at GRACE UNITED

FRIDAY JULY 23RD 7-8.30PM
(Rain date July 30th)

Tickets: \$20 – must pre-order

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Limited seating – book now!

Tickets available by calling the church 519 655 2151
or email graceunitedtavistock@gmail.com. Prepayment appreciated.

Tickets are selling fast, get yours now.

**Physical distancing will be in effect, we must know how many
people are in your party and you will be seated with your bubble.**

(email or call the church with your contact name
and phone for your group and the number of people)

Fun With Water

Tuesday, July 6 - Thursday July 8

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Outside In-Person

SUMMER DAY CAMP

FREE EVENT for ages 7-10

- **Science Experiments**
- **Storytelling**
- **Crafts**
- **Games and more!**

Bring your own snacks.

Pre-register at Grace United Church

(Limited Capacity)

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